



## Providing YMCA Opportunities

### Opportunity Fund Statement

YMCA Calgary wants everyone to have the opportunity to take part in its programs and enjoy its facilities and services. Camp Chief Hector YMCA is YMCA Calgary's unique camping and outdoor education branch. Assistance is available for those who feel they would benefit from a camp experience at Camp Chief Hector YMCA, but are financially unable, not unwilling, to pay the full fees.

The YMCA Calgary Opportunity Fund is supported in part by dollars raised annually through **YMCA Calgary's Strong Kids Campaign**. It is through the outstanding generosity of our YMCA family and friends that everyone can have a YMCA experience.

By receiving this brochure, you have shown an interest in giving your child/family a fun, safe and memorable camp experience. The Opportunity Fund does not provide 100% funding. Partial payment is required in order to register for a program and shows your commitment to this opportunity.

#### OPTION 1:

Applicants for the Opportunity Fund are pre-approved if you are a verified recipient of:

- IS: Income Support
- AISH: Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped
- ACHB: Alberta Child Health Benefits
- AAHB: Alberta Adult Health Benefits
- City of Calgary Fee Assistance Card
- Letter from a partnering organization (contact the camp office for more details)

Please send your completed application, a deposit (\$50 per person) and a copy of one of the above benefits card(s) to the camp office. Monthly payments of an amount suitable to you will be required in addition to your deposit.

#### OPTION 2: If I don't qualify under OPTION 1 then how do I register?

Eligibility for the Opportunity Fund is determined by family income and size using the government's Low Income Cut-Off Chart (LICO) as a guideline.

Send your completed application, a deposit (\$50 per person) and the following documents to the camp office.

- Your 2015 Income Tax Assessment
- Current paystubs for each adult in the family (minimum 1 month)
- Documentation of all other sources of income applicable to you: Student Finance, EI, WCB, Child support, Spousal support, Maintenance, Child Tax Benefit, Foster Parent allowance

Monthly payments of an amount suitable to you will be required in addition to your deposit.

### Previous Applicants

- Those who have been previously assisted are encouraged to contribute a larger amount (based on financial ability) towards their next camp experience.
- You must submit an application, pay a deposit and provide your income documents each year.



## Payment Options

We understand that paying your camp fees can be a real challenge, so we'd like to be as flexible as possible. See below for our various payment options.

- Deposit (\$50 per child) upon registration and the remainder of the agreed-upon amount in full on April 17
- Deposit (\$50 per child) upon registration and the remainder of the agreed-upon amount via monthly payments  
Pre-authorized payments from American Express, VISA, MasterCard or from your bank account on the 4<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> of each month (typically January thru June)

A \$25 service fee will be added to NSF payments.

Note: YMCA Calgary does not accept post-dated cheques.

## Clothing and equipment for camp

Parents/guardians are responsible for all personal clothing and equipment that each participant must bring to camp i.e. sleeping bag, rain gear, warm clothing and large backpacks. Equipment requirements specific to the program/camp will be discussed during your assessment. Complete equipment lists are available at our website at [www.ymcacalgary.org](http://www.ymcacalgary.org).

## Frequently Asked Questions

### ***How does the YMCA determine how much I can afford to pay?***

The YMCA uses the government's Low Income Cut-Off Chart to determine your eligibility. You should pay as much of the fee as you possibly can. Your fee is based on your needs and your current financial situation. We will come to a financial agreement that works for both you and the YMCA.

### ***If I receive assistance from the Opportunity Fund, what is expected of me?***

Please keep all information and fees discussed confidential. Ensure you have the equipment as outlined in the camp materials.

### ***Is it possible to go to camp for free?***

Everyone must pay some portion of the camp fees.

### ***Will others know my child/family was subsidized?***

No, this is completely confidential. Only registration staff involved in processing your application are aware of your situation. Neither the leaders nor other participants will know this information.

### ***I want to pay the full fee but won't be able to before the deadline. What can I do?***

If you are able to pay the full fee but need a deadline extension, please contact the registration office.

### ***Can the YMCA deny my application for program assistance?***

Your request for subsidy could be denied if your financial information does not identify an inability to pay the fees.

If you have any further questions, please contact the registration office.

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**YMCA Opportunity Fund Application 2017**

Today's date \_\_\_\_\_ Program applying for:  Summer Camp  
 Family Camp Aug 20-25, 2017  
 Family Weekend Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Option A – Complete only if applying for Summer Camp 2017**

Camper's Name (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (last) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date Y \_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_ M F  
 Grade finished by June 2017 \_\_\_\_ Age at camp \_\_\_\_ Camp Option/description \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 Camper's Name (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (last) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date Y \_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_ M F  
 Grade finished by June 2017 \_\_\_\_ Age at camp \_\_\_\_ Camp Option/description \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Detailed camp descriptions and session dates can be found at [www.ymcacalgary.org](http://www.ymcacalgary.org)

**Option B – Complete only if applying for Family Camp 2017**

Adult's Name (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (last) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date Y \_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_ M F  
 Adult's Name (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (last) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date Y \_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_ M F  
 Child's Name (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (last) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date Y \_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_ M F  
 Child's Name (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (last) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date Y \_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_ M F

**Option C – Complete only if applying for other Programs**

Program/Camp \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adult's Name (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (last) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date Y \_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_ M F  
 Adult's Name (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (last) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date Y \_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_ M F  
 Child's Name (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (last) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date Y \_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_ M F  
 Child's Name (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (last) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date Y \_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_ M F

**Address and contact information**

Main Contact name (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (last) \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alternate Contact name (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (last) \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Has your camper/family attended Camp Chief Hector YMCA – Summer Camp or Weekend Program? Y [ ] N [ ] In what year? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently approved for financial assistance at YMCA Calgary? Y [ ] N [ ] At which branch? \_\_\_\_\_ MM/YY? \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of children at home \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently:

Receiving Child tax credit (family allowance/CTB)? Y [ ] N [ ] If yes, \$ \_\_\_\_\_/month?

Receiving Social Assistance? Y [ ] N [ ] If yes, \$ \_\_\_\_\_/month?

Receiving EI? Y [ ] N [ ] If yes, \$ \_\_\_\_\_/month?

Receiving Child Maintenance? Y [ ] N [ ] If yes, \$ \_\_\_\_\_/month?

Receiving Foster Parent compensation? Y [ ] N [ ] If yes, \$ \_\_\_\_\_/month?

Other? \_\_\_\_\_

We ask that you seek all possible sources of assistance to help contribute towards your child's camp experience.

In order for your request to be considered, please ensure the following has been completed.

[ ] Application for Opportunity Fund

[ ] Proof of financial need as outlined under Option 1 or Option 2 of the Opportunity Fund document

[ ] If one has not yet been paid, a deposit must accompany this application form.

Fees:

Full cost of camp (with GST): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate payment option:

[ ] Money Order [ ] Cash [ ] Visa [ ] MasterCard [ ] American Express [ ] Cheque (payable to: Camp Chief Hector YMCA)

CREDIT CARD #

EXPIRY DATE

CARDHOLDER'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

Monthly payments are a convenient option that will allow you to contribute to your child's camp experience. When we review your application, we will discuss the option of monthly payments with you to arrive at a mutually agreeable contribution amount.

A \$25 service fee will be added to each NSF payment.

I acknowledge that all information above is correct and I agree to inform the YMCA of any changes to my situation as they occur.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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[ ] Option 1

Document(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Verified by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Option: [ ] 4th of each month [ ] 17th of each month starting \_\_\_\_\_ ending \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Option 2

Document(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Verified by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Option: [ ] 4th of each month [ ] 17th of each month starting \_\_\_\_\_ ending \_\_\_\_\_